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## Exhibit B

**Declaration of Michael Goldberg** 

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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In re:

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.,1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

(Jointly Administered)

## DECLARATION OF MICHAEL GOLDBERG IN SUPPORT OF NINETEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION (SUBSTANTIVE) TO CLAIMS (503(b)(9) Claims No. 1)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Michael Goldberg, under penalty of perjury, declare as follows:

1. I am the Plan Administrator to 20230930-DK-Butterfly-1, Inc. (f/k/a/ Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.)<sup>2</sup> and 73 affiliated debtors (the "Debtors"). I give this declaration in support of the

The last four digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 0488. A complete list of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtor's proposed claims and noticing agent at https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the *Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.*, which was filed with the State of New York Department of State on September 21, 2023, the name of the entity formerly known as "Bed Bath & Beyond Inc." was changed to 20230930-DK-Butterfly, Inc. [Filing ID No. 230921001833 DOS ID 315602].

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Plan Administrator's Nineteenth Omnibus Objection (Substantive) to Claims (503(b)(9) Claims No.1) (the "Objection").<sup>3</sup>

- 2. Except as otherwise indicated, the statements in this declaration are based on: (a) my personal knowledge of the Debtors' business operations since my appointment as Plan Administrator; (b) my review of relevant documents and the Objection; (c) information provided to me by, or discussions with, members of my management team, other employees, my Professionals (including the Claims Agent); and/or (d) my general experience and knowledge. I am authorized to submit this declaration. If called upon to testify, I can and will testify competently as to the facts set forth herein.
- 3. On April 23, 2023, (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), each of the Debtors commenced with this Court voluntary cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors continued to operate their businesses and manage their assets as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code until the Effective Date of the Plan (each, as defined below).
- 4. On September 14, 2023 (the "Confirmation Date"), the Court entered the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order (I) Approving the Disclosure Statement on a Final Basis and (II) Confirming the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. 2172] (the "Confirmation Order"), confirming the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. 2160] (the "Plan").
- 5. On September 29, 2023, the effective date of the Plan occurred (the "<u>Effective</u> <u>Date</u>"). [Doc. No. 2311]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Objection or in the Plan.

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6. On the Effective Date, I became the sole representative of the Debtors and

assumed responsibility for, inter alia, resolving claims, performing claims reconciliation, and

objecting to claims.

7. The Claims Objection Bar Date is currently September 29, 2025.

8. In the ordinary course of business, including subsequent to the Petition Date, the

Debtors maintained books and records (the "Books and Records") that reflect, among other

things, the nature and amount of the liabilities owed to their creditors. My Professionals and I

are in the process of reviewing, comparing, and reconciling proofs of claim (including any

supporting documentation) with the Debtors' Schedules and its Books and Records. This

reconciliation process includes identifying the particular Claims and categories of Claims that

are subject to this Objection.

9. For the reasons set forth on Exhibit 1 to the Proposed Order, none of the Disputed

Claims is entitled to priority under sections 503(b)(9), 503(b)(1)(A) or 507(a)(4), and I ask this

Court to reclassify each such Disputed Claim as a Class 6 General Unsecured Claim.

10. In addition, in a number of instances (identified on **Exhibit 1** to the Proposed

Order), a Disputed Claim was filed after the 503(b)(9) Bar Date or is duplicative of another

Disputed Claim filed by the Claimant. In those instances, I ask the Court to disallow the

Disputed Claim in its entirety.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the

best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: June 24, 2025

<u>/s/ Michael Goldberg</u>

By: Michael Goldberg

In his capacity as Plan Administrator to 20230930-

DK-Butterfly-1, Inc. (f/k/a/ Bed Bath & Beyond

Inc.) and 73 affiliated debtors

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